REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	24 March 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Penthouse Video SA Synopses (Red)
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Document for Mail Order
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The untitled document for mail order, otherwise known as *Penthouse Video SA Video Synopses (Red)*, is classified as:
Objectionable.

The document for mail order is an A3 size sheet of paper with descriptions of the contents of sexually explicit video recordings on both sides in red type. The descriptions themselves are sexually explicit, contain offensive language, and have the potential to sexually arouse the reader.

The publication is considered to promote and support the following criteria under section 3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act): the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes; the use of violence and coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct; the use of urine in association with sexual conduct; and the infliction of extreme cruelty.

Some of the synopses describe school girls being spanked and slippered, and a barely pubescent girl engaging in sexual activity with her school friends. Another synopsis describes a man being held prisoner in his bedroom at the sexual whim of his wife. A synopsis of a video recording entitled *'Piss Party'* describes a woman urinating as she experiences orgasm. Two synopses describe girls being caned and spanked until they cry.

Section 3(2) of the FVPC Act is a deeming provision that cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). Therefore, section 14 of the NZBR Act does not apply to this publication.

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